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UNLOCK YOUR HIDDEN TREASURE



Louisiana Department of the Treasury
Unclaimed Property Division
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Have you ever dreamed of finding buried treasure or hitting the jackpot?

For many Louisianians, that dream could come true as a result of the Unclaimed Property Law. The Louisiana Department of the Treasury maintains custody of more than \$182 million in unclaimed and abandoned property, and now is the time to find out whether you are entitled to any money or funds that you may have forgotten about—or that you may never have known existed.

As State Treasurer, I want to see all unclaimed property returned to its rightful owners. We can help you discover—and recover at no cost—what may be rightfully yours. You've got nothing to lose. Your treasure may be waiting for you.

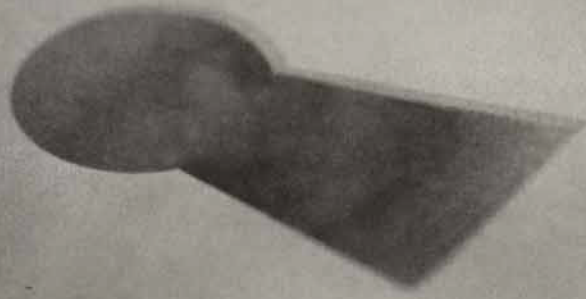
Good luck,

John Kennedy
STATE TREASURER

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UNCLAIMED PROPERTY



**WE MAY HOLD THE KEY
TO YOUR TREASURE.**

LOST TREASURE IN LOUISIANA



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

www.treasury.state.la.us
1-888-925-4127

WHAT'S YOURS IS YOURS—EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT EXISTS!

WHAT IS "UNCLAIMED PROPERTY"?

Unclaimed property is any intangible personal property, held or owing in the ordinary course of a holder's business, that has remained unclaimed by the owner for a certain number of years. Unclaimed property may include:

- *Savings and checking accounts*
- *Uncashed payroll or cashiers checks*
- *Money orders and travelers checks*
- *Certificates of deposit*
- *Customer deposits or overpayments*
- *Paid-up life insurance policies*
- *Health and accident insurance payments*
- *Uncashed death benefit checks*
- *Gift certificates and Christmas club accounts*
- *Stocks and dividends*
- *Utility deposits*
- *Oil and gas royalty payments*



HOW MUCH HAS BEEN COLLECTED BY THE STATE?

More than \$245 million in unclaimed funds has been turned over to the State since the law was enacted in 1972.

HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN REFUNDED?

More than \$63 million has been refunded to rightful owners.

HOW DOES THE STATE LOCATE OWNERS?

Companies holding unclaimed funds first make an effort to contact owners by mail or phone. If they are unsuccessful, they report the names and last known addresses (if any) of owners to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury's

Unclaimed Property Division. The names of owners of more than \$50 in unclaimed property are published in newspapers throughout the state in the parish of the last known address or where the holder (company) is located. If an owner sees his or her name and contacts the Treasury, we research the claim. If assets belonging to the owner are found, the Treasury will assist the owner with filing a formal claim.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE OFFERS TO HELP ME LOCATE UNCLAIMED MONEY FOR A FEE?

Call our office first! Signing an agreement to have someone assist you in recovering unclaimed property may require

paying a fee. Before signing any agreement, check with our office to see if you (or anyone you are an heir to or joint property owner with) has property being held by the Louisiana Department of the Treasury. If so, it is available to you for free.

HOW DO I COLLECT UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY THE STATE?

The Unclaimed Property Division of the Louisiana Department of the Treasury will provide you with a claim form, which must be completed correctly and returned to Treasury before a claim is paid. In most cases, you will be asked to provide supporting documents such as a photocopy of a birth, death, or marriage certificate; driver's license; will; bank statement; or old tax bill to prove your rightful claim to the unclaimed property. Claim forms may be obtained from the address below or by calling (225) 219-9400 or toll-free (in-state only) 1-888-925-4127.

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ARE YOU ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION TO FIND OUT IF IT IS HOLDING UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY FOR YOU OR A DECEASED RELATIVE FOR WHOM YOU ARE AN HEIR, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM, ADD THE PROPER POSTAGE AND DROP IT IN ANY U.S. MAILBOX.

Dear Treasurer Kennedy:

Please let me know if Louisiana is holding unclaimed property for me.

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| MY NAME | |
| SS # | |
| DAYTIME PHONE | |
| CURRENT ADDRESS | |
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| FORMER ADDRESS | |
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If you are an heir, also include deceased relative's name and former addresses:

WHO DEALS WITH UNCLAIMED PROPERTY IN LOUISIANA?

According to Louisiana law, unclaimed property is turned over to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury. Louisiana is a "custodial" state, which means that these assets are held indefinitely for the owner or legal heir. Legal owners or heirs can **always** claim their financial assets and the Department of the Treasury will return them at **no charge**.

